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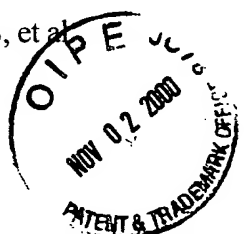
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BURNS, et al

Application No.: 09/228,954

Filed: January 12, 1999



Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: JUSKA, C.

For: A SURFACE COVERING BACKING CONTAINING POLYMERIC
MICROSPHERES AND PROCESSES OF MAKING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 31, 2000

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2000, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before November 2, 2000.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-22 without disclaimer or prejudice of the subject matter set forth therein.

23. (Amended) A textile substrate comprising a primary backing with textile fibers extending upwardly from the backing and forming a surface:

and a secondary backing affixed to the bottom surface of the primary backing wherein said secondary backing comprises at least one thermoplastic material having polymeric microspheres dispersed therein, wherein said thermoplastic material comprises a polymer or copolymer of a vinyl compound.

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